

Hailstone Recreation Area at Jordanelle State Park To Open

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The long awaited opening of the Hailstone Recreation Area at Jordanelle State Park begins Thursday, June 29. A dedication ceremony will be held the morning of June 29, with the campground opening that afternoon. Early the next morning, Friday, June 30, the reservoir will open to fishing. On Saturday, July 1, the reservoir

opens to all water-related activities. "We are in the process of organizing the park's dedication, which will mark the beginning of the public's ability to utilize the \$18 million recreation complex," said Park Manager Steve Carpenter. After the dedication ceremony, Hailstone's 200-site campground will open to the public.

"Campsites available at Hailstone include 100 sites with water and electrical hook-ups, 60 sites that do not have utility hook-ups but do have access to rest rooms and showers and 40 walk-in sites, with access to rest rooms only," Carpenter said.

Camping reservations for Hailstone will be accepted by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation's reservation office, beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, April 3. Reservations may be made by calling 322-3770 in the Salt Lake City calling area or 1-800-322-3770, outside of Salt Lake City. Reservations can also be made in person by visiting the office, located in Salt Lake City at 1636 West North Temple, Room 116. Reservations for individual campsites at Hailstone will be accepted 120 days in advance, while group site reservations will be accepted one year in advance.

"I strongly suggest making camping reservations, due to the tremendous public interest in this new development and the very limited number of sites available on a strictly first-come, first-serve basis," Carpenter said.

Sunday-Thursday night camping fees range from \$7 per night, for sites with rest rooms only, to \$11 per night, for sites with electrical and water hookups. An additional \$1 is added to the camping fee on Friday, Saturday and holiday nights. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee charged, for each camping reservation made.

Also, those wishing to obtain one of 33 storage spaces available in the park's dry storage area can do so, by contacting the reservation office, beginning at 8 a.m., April 3. In addition to the campground, Hailstone offers many state-of-the-art facilities.

"Within comfortable walking distance of the campground, park patrons will find Camp Service Centers, complete with mini laundromats and a small child's playground," Carpenter said. "There are seven rest room facilities within the park, each with public showers."

Hailstone also features a staffed visitor center featuring interpretive and educational displays, a theater and park offices, with an outdoor amphitheater located nearby, group pavilions for reunions, church outings and family get-togethers and a modern beach house with lockers, showers, food service and water equipment rentals.

In addition to the park's facilities, recreational activities on the reservoir are expected to draw many people to the area, including anglers, who are expected to line the reservoir banks June 30, when the reservoir opens to fishing. Jordanelle has been stocked by the

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources annually since 1993, when 176,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were planted. The following spring, an additional 458,000 rainbow fingerlings and 17,000 small-mouth bass were added. Excellent populations of German brown and cutthroat trout are also found in the reservoir.

The July 1 opening of the reservoir to all water-related activities is also expected to draw a large crowd.

In addition to the recreational opportunities available at Hailstone, Jordanelle State Park offers many experiences at the Rock Cliff Recreation Area. Rock Cliff features a 50 unit walk-in campground, two group use pavilions, a 3,000 square foot Nature Center with educational and interpretive exhibits and fishing access to the upper Provo River. Rock Cliff opened in July 1994.

A trail network is also available through Jordanelle State Park. A perimeter trail encircling the reservoir is presently under construction. This trail will allow hikers, mountain bikers and other non-motorized trail users the opportunity to connect with Historic Union Pacific Rail Trail State Park. The first phase of the Jordanelle State Park trail system is scheduled for completion in June 1995.

To reach the Hailstone Recreation Area, exit Hwy. 40 at the Mayflower Exit. Rock Cliff is located two miles west of Francis, off State Road 32.

For more information call Jordanelle State Park at 783-3030 or write to the park at P.O. Box 309, Heber City, UT 84032.

RECREATION AREA

A hailstorm of callers for Hailstone

Hundreds jam the phone lines seeking space 3 months before opening.

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MAYFLOWER, Wasatch County — If Monday's phone crunch was any indication, it's going to be a hectic summer at Utah's newest state park.

On the first day reservations were available, hundreds of would-be campers jammed phone lines trying to reach frazzled operators fielding calls for Jordanelle State Park's new Hailstone recreation area.

Named for a former country crossroads that is 200 feet underwater today, the camping-and-boating attraction between Park City and the Heber Valley is already a hit — three months before it opens.

A handful of people showed up at the Division of Parks and Recreation's Salt Lake offices to claim one of Hailstone's 200 campsites, but about 25 reservations were made by phone. Most were

for the weekend preceding July 4, which falls on a Tuesday this year. The Hailstone area will be dedicated June 29, a day before the Jordanelle Reservoir opens to fishermen, two days before other water sports begin.

"A lot of people used to going to surrounding areas want to give the Jordanelle a try," said Mike McConvill, reservations manager for the state parks system.

Since the state began filling it more than two years ago, the

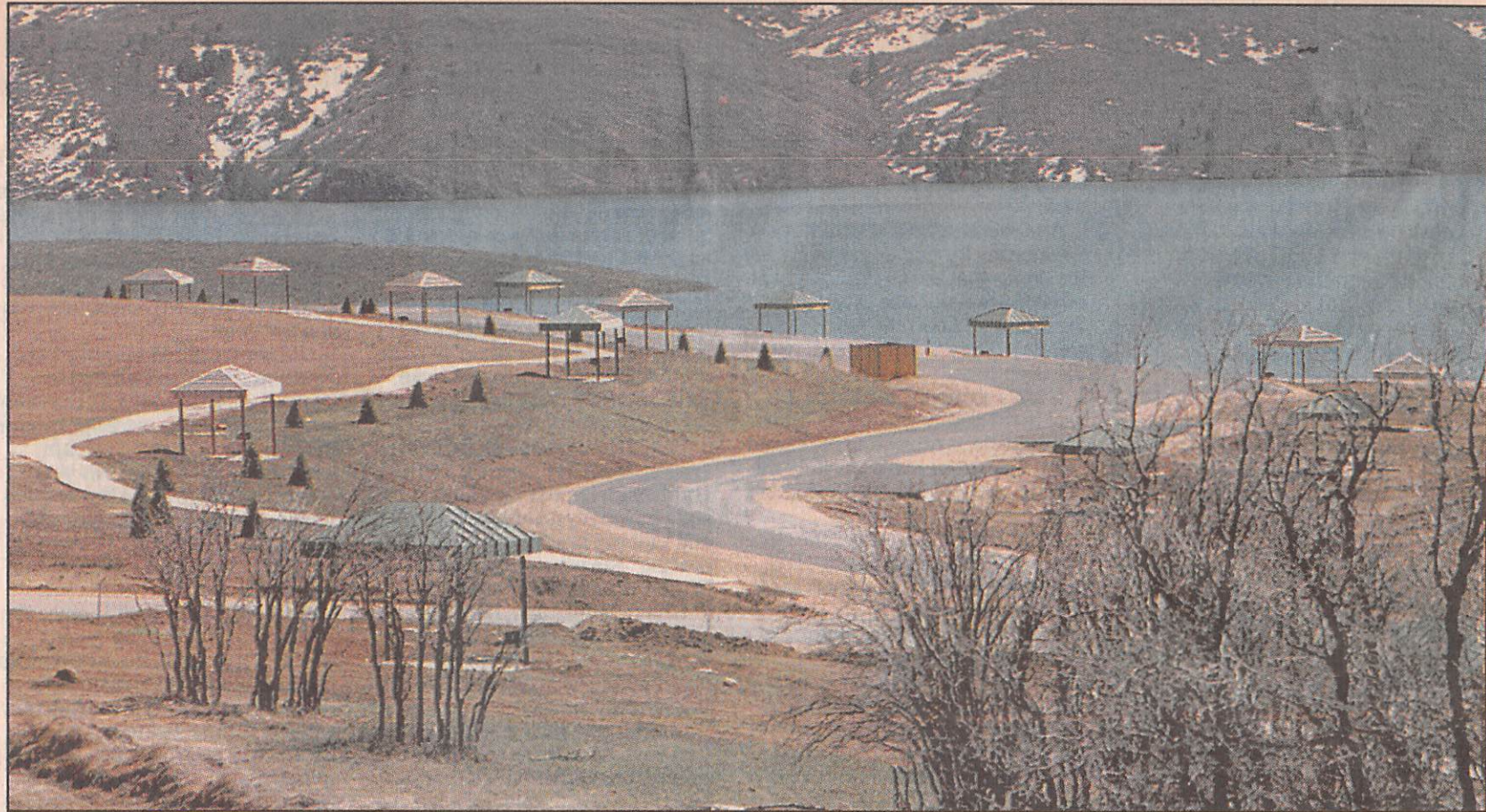
Jordanelle has been touted as a weekend playground for the 1.5 million residents who live less than an hour away on the Wasatch Front. McConvill said Monday's interest was a sign of things to come.

"We're anticipating it'll take a

lot of pressure off Deer Creek and Rockport (neighboring reservoirs that are typically overcrowded in summer)," he said.

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The Hailstone recreation area is expected to draw tremendous crowds into Wasatch County and take pressure off Deer Creek and Rockport.